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Enrollment

1. In 1949 the enrollment at the Royal Hungarian University of Technical Science was about five thousand students. This figure includes both graduate and undergraduate students. I would estimate the number of candidates for the doctorate to have been not in excess of 100. The university conferred degrees in the multiple branches of engineering discipline such as chemical, mechanical, civil, electrical, and architectural.

Quality of the School

2. It is most difficult for me to compare one department with another.

would feel that the was the best. But in sincerity I feel that each department was exceptional in its field. It was an accepted fact in Hungary that the University was considered one of the better technical schools in Europe prior to World War II. The Swiss engineering school, Eigenossische Technische Hochschule, which to the best of my knowledge is considered the finest in Europe, gave both undergraduates and graduates of our university equivalent and total transfer credit. Although a science degree at the Royal Hungarian University of Technical Science was predicated on four academic years, it was unlikely that many students would complete the basic requirements in less than five years.

The University Staff in 1949

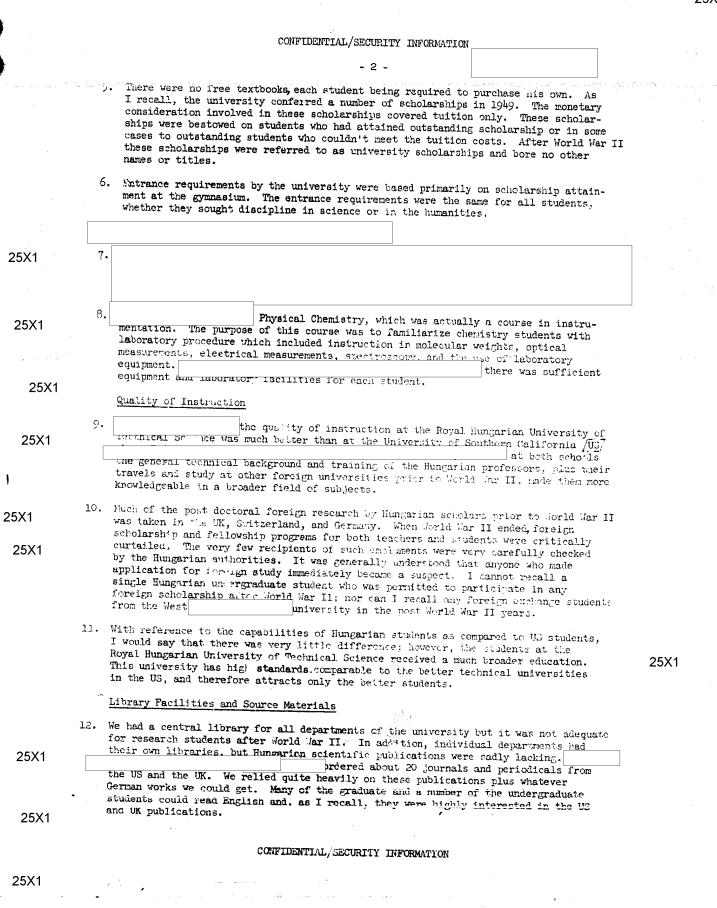
3. I would estimate that the staff in 1949 consisted of the following members and numbers: There were about 50 professors, 50 to 60 associate professors, 100 assistant professors, and about 400 instructors and teaching assistants the LAST figure is a rough estimate.

Tuition Scholarships and Entrance Requirements

4. In 1949 the tuition was 150 forints per semester with the semester system in operation on the same basis as in the US. The semesters were of four and a half months' curation beginning in early September and terminating in mid-June. The university also held summer sessions each year.

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13.	Soviet publications were available in each of the libraries but very few Hungarian students could read Russian. As I mentioned, there was very little original Hungarian research published after World War II, but I do recall two Hungarian journals.
	a. Kemikusoki Lepja (a chemical journal, published in Budapest in 1948) b. Magyar Technika (an engineering journal published in Budapest in 1948).
	Research
4.	There were no specific governmental decrees which placed restrictions upon independent research at the university, however, each department received research requirements and projects from industry. Since industry was nationalized, it is logical to presume that the requirements submitted to the university by industry were actually handed down by the Hungarian Government.
; ·	A number of the professors at the university were honorary members of the Academy of Science, the Hungarian name for this academy being Tudamanyosakademia. This academy was located near the parliament building in Budapest. So far as I know the academy didn't inaugurate research projects but served as a meeting place where various professors could read papers before the scholarly body.
	The Ministry of National Research is now August 19537 referred to as the Ministry of Industry. In 1947 when all industry was nationalized I understood that the Ministry of Industry assumed the role of leadership in introducing research on a national scale.
	Administration
	The university, which covers almost 50 acres, was damaged slightly during World War II but a totally repaired in 1949. The Chief Administrator is the Rector. The Rector is 1949 was Dr Zoltan Csuros, a gentleman then in his late forties. He was a short stocky individual, duly elected by the body of professors and not politically appointed. Dr Csuros, prior to becoming rector, was full professor of Chemical Engineering at the university where he taught and did research in organic chemicals and textile plastics.
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